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21 JORDAN STREET,
TORONTO, CANADA.
July 7th, 1915

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PRESIDENT FALCONER,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

My dear President:

When I resigned from the Board of Trustees of the University the Hon. Mr. Hearst asked me not to press for the acceptance of my resignation. I told him that I would not in any way embarrass him in this matter.

As the objections I had in connection with the position I held then have, you tell me, been removed I have written to the Prime Minister telling him that I will gladly remain on the Board if he desires it, or he may accept my resignation.

Very truly yours,

Conrad

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July 8th, 1915

Sir Edmund Osler,
21 Jordan Street,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Edmund Osler:

In the absence of the President
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th
inst. regarding your position on the Board of Governors of
the University of Toronto.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.

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October 7th, 1915

Sir Edmund Osler,
21 Jordan Street, Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund:

The Premier has written to me this morning that he is exceedingly anxious to have you resume your interest in the University. It is a great pleasure to me to know that the Government are using their influence to induce you to join us again in our deliberations. If my urgency carries any weight with you at all I should like to say that I hope very sincerely that you will be able to see your way to attend the meetings of the Governors. You have been such a help in the past and your interest in the University is so dear that it is a misfortune to us not to have your advice. I am apt to look at things from my own point of view, often it may be narrow, and often it may be without knowing all the bearings of what seems to me to be the wise course. The Board of Governors look at matters from another experience and the expression of their opinions in the Board ought to bring us to a wiser decision than if the matter were to rest with only a few. It will be to me a great personal pleasure if you can see your way clear to give us again the benefit of your experience and wide knowledge of public situations.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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21 JORDAN STREET,

TORONTO, CANADA.

October 8th, 1915

PRESIDENT R. A. FALCONER,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

My dear Mr. President:

I have your letter of the 7th inst.

I had a letter from Mr. Hearst yesterday, asking me to withdraw my resignation as one of the Governors of the Toronto University as he was sure there was no reason now why we should not work in harmony.

I have written Mr. Hearst saying that I would very gladly withdraw my resignation ~~and~~, as I have always considered it a very great honor to be connected with the University in such a position, it was with great regret that I felt forced to take the stand I did in the matter, but as this cause has been entirely removed it will give me very great pleasure to withdraw my resignation and attend the meetings of the University in future.

Yours very truly,

Gov. Moore

October 12th, 1915

Sir Edmund Osler,
21 Jordan Street,
Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund:

I have a letter this morning from Professor Gillespie stating that you would like me to write to you with regard to him and enclosing at the same time a copy of a letter he has sent to you.

All I can say about Professor Gillespie is that we regard him as one of our most competent younger men in the Faculty of Applied Science. Whatever he promises to undertake he will do, and there can be no question as to his character and reliability. I believe that this opinion is universally held among those who know Professor Gillespie best, and especially in the Faculty of Applied Science. I should think that if anybody can do the work that you wish done he can. I feel confident also that you can rely upon him thoroughly.

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 11th, 1915

Sir Edmund Osler,
York Club,
Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund:

I understand that Professor J. C. Fields, F.R.S., and Professor Andrew Hunter, M.D., are both proposed as Supernumerary Members of the York Club. I am glad to support their nomination and to say that they are both full professors of the University and are among the distinguished members of our staff.

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 28th, 1916

Sir Edmund Osler,
21 Jordan Street,
Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund:

I am enclosing you a copy of the proceedings of the conference of our Canadian Universities which was held in Toronto last June. You will find marked the formal view of the conference with regard to graduate work. I may say that this was strongly emphasised at the dinner given by the Government at night. The Presidents of the Western Universities are agreed that we in the East should provide advanced facilities for their graduates.

I may say that these Fellowships should be of the value of \$500 each; that they are given for one year, but if a Fellow approves himself to the University the scholarship might be continued for at least three years, at the end of which time if his work is satisfactory he might get the degree of Doctor. We would offer free tuition to such students, and the hope would be that when they have finished their work they would return to the West to take up some important position in the West. Through these scholarships, particularly those given to us in the West, we should hope to perform a large patriotic duty.

I think that we should also endeavour by local scholarships to make it possible for us to retain some of our best Ontario graduates for their further work in this University. Also the East

sends many excellent students to Harvard, Yale and Johns Hopkins. We ought to be able to offer opportunities to these Maritime students as well.

Such a movement I am convinced will do a great deal to make Toronto a really national university and help to build up a strong and intelligent Canadian spirit.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 16th, 1916

Sir Edmund Osler,
21 Jordan Street,
Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund:

The Premier has given me Monday, June 19th, at 11 a.m. as the time the Finance Committee should meet the Cabinet regarding the University estimates. The meeting will be in the Parliament Buildings.

Yours sincerely,

President.